

Amendment No. 436, to repeal the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit. **Page S3754**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-10) **Pages S3770-71**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 88), Claire C. Cecchi, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S3749-52**

Esther Salas, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S3749-52**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—89) **Pages S3752, S3754**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3786.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Luis A. Aguilar, of Georgia, and Daniel M. Gallagher, Jr., of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Anthony Frank D'Agostino, of Maryland, and Gregory Karawan, of Virginia, both to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RAIL SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine emerging threats to rail security, focusing on comprehensive risk assessments for transportation, technology to enhance security, and rail security training, after

receiving testimony from John S. Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Steve Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and John O'Connor, National Railroad Passenger Corporation Amtrak Police Department, Washington, DC.

WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wildfire management programs of the Federal land management

agencies, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; Thomas Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Kim Thorsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Management.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2159–2181; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 303–305 were introduced. **Pages H4185–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4187–88**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2012 (Rept. 112–104);

H.R. 1934, to improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–105); and

H.R. 1891, to repeal ineffective or unnecessary education programs in order to restore the focus of Federal programs on quality elementary and secondary education programs for disadvantaged students, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–106).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4079**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4083**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Mark Smith, Ohio Christian University, Circleville, OH. **Page H4093**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Mack, Nunes, Bilbray, and Canseco. **Page H4096**

Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress: Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former

Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the program have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks. **Pages H4083–93**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House passed H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 418. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, June 2nd.

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Rejected the Owens motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 184 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 417. **Pages H4104–06**

H. Res. 288, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 2nd.

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 303, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H4108**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Reed, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Rules, effective immediately. **Page H4108**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House began consideration of H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 15th.

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